

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

(Parent of a Minor Under Sixteen or Guardian)

Temporary Involuntary Hospitalization
M.G.L. Chapter 123, Section 12 (b)

Your ward has been admitted to this facility under M.G.L. c. 123, s. 12 (b) for a period of up to three (3) business days. By the end of the third (3rd) business day, if the Superintendent or other head of the facility decides that your ward's release would create a likelihood of serious harm to your ward or others by reason of mental illness, he or she may file a petition for your ward's civil commitment to the facility for a period of up to six months. If a petition is filed, the District Court will begin the hearing within five (5) business days, not including Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during which time your ward will have to remain in the facility.

At your request, we will notify the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) of you and your ward's name and location. CPCS will then appoint an attorney to meet with you and your ward. Would you like us to contact CPCS on your ward's behalf at this time?

Yes ☐
No ☐

If you say No and change your mind later, we will notify CPCS for you and your ward at that time.

If your ward has been admitted to this facility under M.G.L. c. 123, s. 12 (b) and you have reason to believe that such admission is the result of an abuse or misuse of the admissions process, you may request, on your own or through counsel, an emergency hearing in the District Court in whose jurisdiction this facility is located. If you wish to file such a request, the facility will provide you with the appropriate form.

I have received and read this Notice:

Guardian Name

Date

Patient Name

Staff witness signature

Date